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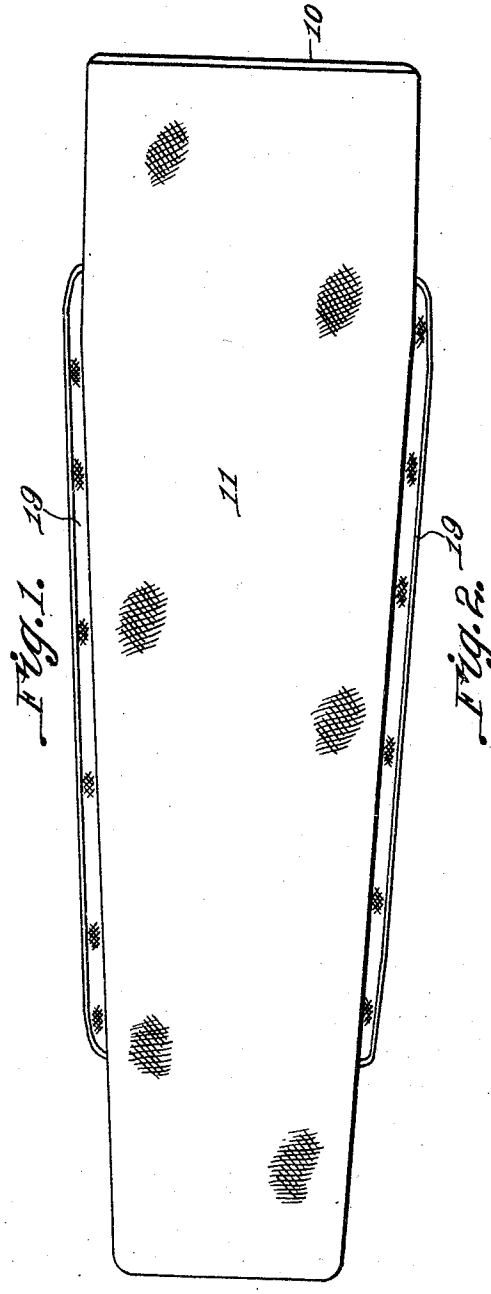


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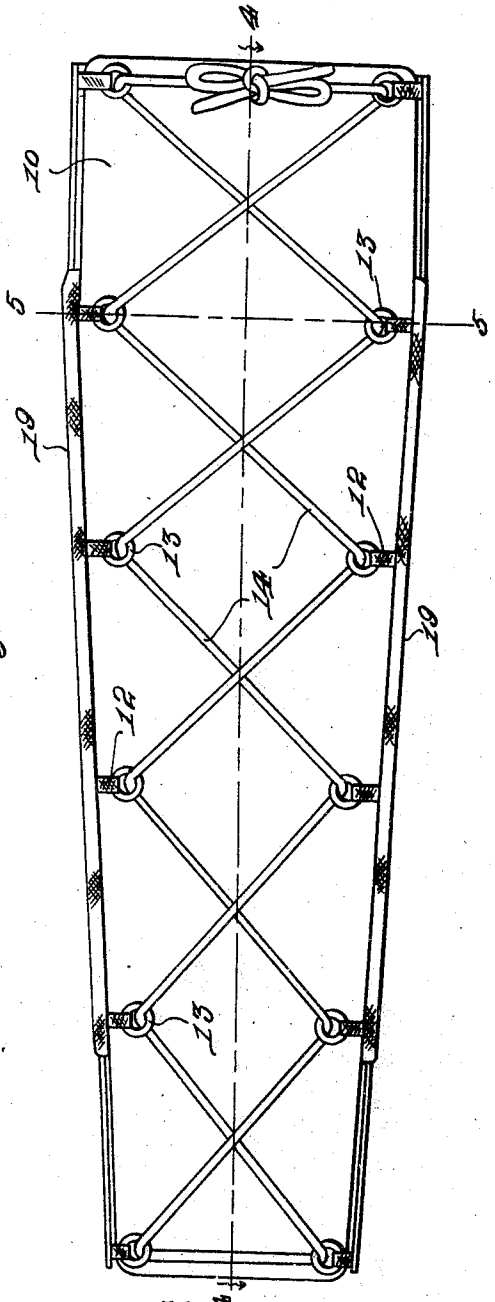


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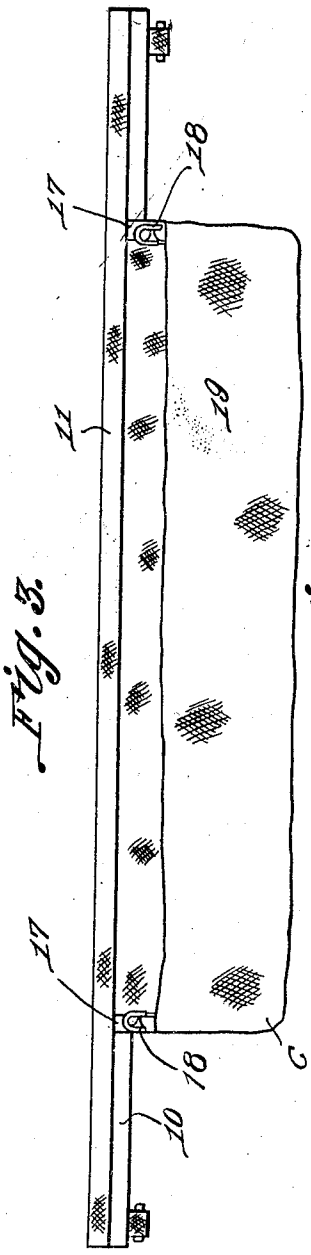


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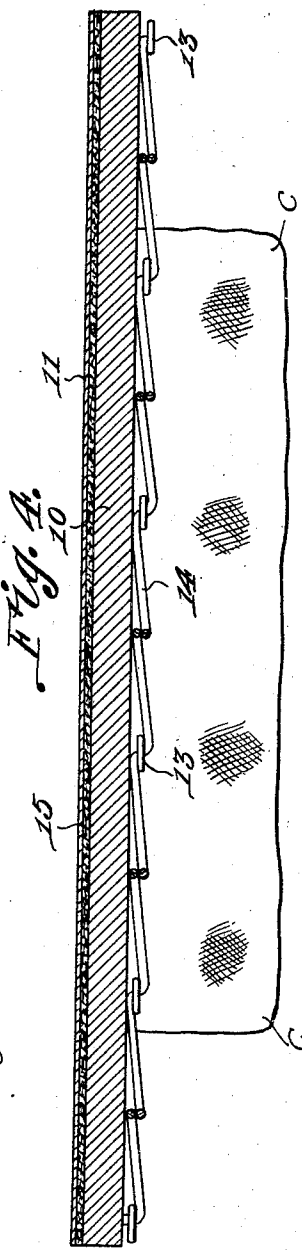


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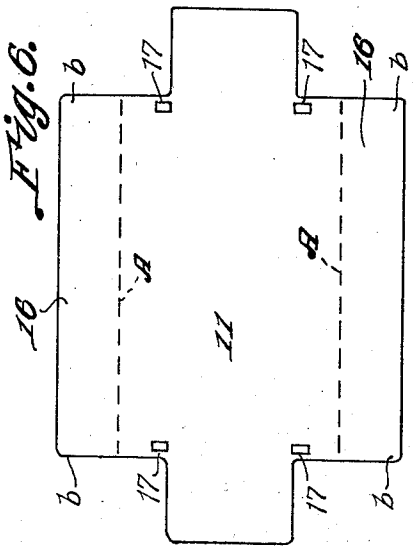


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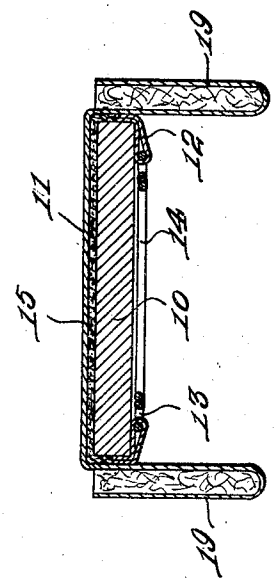


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY E. MERRICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milford, in the county of Kosciusko and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Board Covers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in ironing board covers and has for an object the provision of means carried by the cover to prevent such large articles as table cloths, bed spreads and the like from dragging on the floor when being ironed.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an ironing board cover which includes the above mentioned advantage and which in addition may be detachably secured in place and the pockets so constructed as to permit of their being unfolded for convenience in laundering.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further includes the following novel features and details of construction, to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a top plan view showing the cover applied to an ironing board.

Figure 2 is a bottom plan view of the same.

Figure 3 is an edge view.

Figure 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Figure 5 is a section on the line 5—5 of Figure 2.

Figure 6 is a plan view of the cover removed from the board and showing the pockets unfolded.

Referring in detail to the drawings wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, the reference character 10 indicates an ironing board to which the invention is shown applied.

The improved cover which is indicated at 11, is designed to extend over the top of the board and downward over the opposite side edges and has secured thereto as by tapes 12, a plurality of rings or eyes 13 through which is threaded a lacing 14, whereby the cover may be detachably secured to the ironing board. A suitable felt or other pad 15 is preferably interposed between the cover and the board.

As shown in Figure 6 of the drawings, the cover is provided with side extensions or flaps 16 and these extensions or flaps are adapted to be folded along the dotted lines *a* and to have their outer corners *b* secured to tabs 17 which are carried by the cover 11. Safety pins 18 are preferably attached to the corners *b* of the side extensions for this purpose. By this means the corners *b* of the side extensions 16 may be secured so as to provide pockets 19 which are open along their upper edges and which extend along opposite side edges of the board.

The pockets provide convenient means for receiving articles which are being ironed, the said articles being placed in one pocket and ironed in the usual manner, as the ironing process progresses, the articles will be fed into the opposite pocket so as to prevent their contact with the floor. The articles are thus kept from being soiled through such contact or from being wrinkled and will be kept in a properly damp condition until ironed.

When ironing skirts or the like, the corners *c* of the pockets may be temporarily secured together beneath the board so that during the process of ironing, the skirt is passed longitudinally over the board and beneath the pockets, the said pockets being positioned within and practically filling the skirt. This will arrest the free passage of air through the skirt and prevent the latter from drying too quickly.

By forming the pockets in the manner shown and described, they may be easily extended by removing the safety pin 18 so that the cover will then be in convenient condition for laundering.

The invention is susceptible of various changes in its form, proportions and minor details of construction and the right is herein reserved to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

Having described the invention what is claimed is:—

The combination with an ironing board, of a cover and a pocket secured to the cover, said pocket being open at the top and extending downwardly along the edge of the board.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

MARY E. MERRICK.